THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTUALY): (a) Details are as under:

Financial Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
No. of applications received	159	158	169	372	203

(b) Details are as under:

Financial Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
(i) No. of applications accepted/sanctioned	50	46	102	44	52
(ii) No. of applications rejected	26	39	33	26	8

(c) Applications were rejected as they were not fulfilling certain eligibility criteria laid down by the Foundation.

(d) The oldest case pending is of April, 2002, the proposal being incomplete, and the earliest case cleared was of June, 2006.

Announcement of Maulana Azad merit-cum-means scholarships

4197. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided the 20,000 Maulana Azad merit-cum-means scholarships as announced by the Finance Minister to the minorities during the last Budget; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A scheme for 20,000 scholarships called the merit-cum-means based scholarship to students belonging to minority communities has been formulated and a provision of Rs. 54.00 crore has been made for it this year.